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Attached for your review is a copy of the Response to the Office Action of October 22, 2001 which we submitted to the USPTO on January 11, 2002.

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In re application of)

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METHOD FOR PREPARING A CATALYST)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2001, reconsideration of the above-noted application is requested in view of the following:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure at page 17 by a new abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Invention

A method for preparing a catalyst which comprises a zeolite and a low acidity refractory oxide binder which is essentially free of alumina, by preparing an extrudable, substantially homogeneous mass, of zeolite, water, a source of the low acidity refractory as an acid sol, and an amine compound, extruding the mass, drying the extrudate and calcining the dried extrudate.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4 and 12 as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the zeolite content, on dry basis, is below 50 wt% as calculated on the finished catalyst and wherein the low acidity